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1. THE GOI HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED COMPOSITION OF THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO THE BUCHAREST CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND FROM GOI SOURCES THAT THE INDIAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY DR. KARAN SINGH, CENTRAL MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, AND WILL INCLUDE FIVE OTHER REPRESENTATIVES: DR. S. CHAKRAVARTY, MEMBER, PLANNING COMMISSION; MR. A. CHANDRASEKHAR, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY PLANNING; DR. P.B. SESAI, PROFESSOR, INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH, DELHI UNIVERSITY; MR. R.B. CHARI, REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER; AND MRS. AVABAI B. WADIA, PRESIDENT, FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA. MRS. WADIA WILL JOIN THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION IN BUCHAREST AFTER ATTENDING PREPARATORY SESSIONS ON BEHALF OF IPPF/LONDON. IN ADDITION, SEVERAL PRIVATE CITIZENS CONNECTED WITH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

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2. BRIEF BIODATA ON MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL DELEGATION FOLLOWS:

- A. DR. KARAN SINGH: MINISTER FOR HEALTH & FAMILY PLANNING, 1973 -; MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION, 1967 - 73; GOVERNOR OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR, 1965-67.
- B. DR. S. CHAKRAVARTY: MEMBER, PLANNING COMMISSION, 1971-; DIRECTOR, DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, 1966 - 71;
- C. MR. A. CHARASEKHAR: (INDIAN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE); ADDITIONAL SECRETARY FOR FAMILY PLANNING, MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY PLANNING, 1973 -; REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER, 1965 - 73; MEMBER, UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON POPULATION. HE HAS REPRESENTED INDIA AT SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL AND UN MEETINGS ON POPULATION.
- D. MR. R.B. CHARI; REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER, 1973 -; DEPUTY REGISTRAR GENERAL AND CENSUS COMMISSIONER, 1967 - 73.
- E. DR. P.B. DESAI; PROFESSOR AND HEAD, DEMOGRAPHIC DIVISION, INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI; MEMBER OF GOI NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC STUDIES OF POPULATION; HE HAS ATTENDED SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS ON POPULATION.
- F. MRS. AVABAI B. WADIA: PRESIDENT, FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF INDIA, VICE-PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION. SHE IS CONNECTED WITH NUMEROUS SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS AND IS THE ONLY NON-GOVERNMENTAL MEMBER OF OFFICIAL DELEGATION).

3. WE BELIEVE THAT GOI ATTITUDES TOWARD THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE ARE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS THOSE SET FORTH AT THE MAY ECAFE MEETING, AND ARE REFLECTED IN REMARKS MADE BY ADDITIONAL SECRETARY CHANDRASEKHAR TO EMBASSY OFFICERS (REF. B). WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A MORE UP-TO-DATE VIEW OF INDIAN ATTITUDES AFTER CONSULTING WITH CHANDRASEKHAR AND OTHER GOI OFFICIALS NEXT WEEK.

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